

SPAIN



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

King FELIPE VI

Head of Government

President of the Government (Prime Minister-equivalent) Pedro SANCHEZ Perez-Castejon

Government Type

parliamentary constitutional monarchy

Capital

Madrid

Legislature

General Courts or Las Cortes Generales consists of the Senate or Senado (266 seats) and the Congress of Deputies or Congreso de los Diputados (350 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court or Tribunal Supremo (consists of the court president and organized into the Civil, Penal, Administrative, Social, and Military Rooms); Constitutional Court or Tribunal Constitucional de Espana (consists of 12 judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Pedro MORENES Eulate

US Ambassador

Ambassador Richard BUCHAN

GEOGRAPHY

Area

total: 505,370 sq km

land: 498,980 sq km

water: 6,390 sq km

Climate

temperate; clear, hot summers in interior, more moderate and cloudy along coast; cloudy, cold winters in interior, partly cloudy and cool along coast

Natural Resources

coal, lignite, iron ore, copper, lead, zinc, uranium, tungsten, mercury, pyrites, magnesite, fluor spar, gypsum, sepiolite, kaolin, potash, hydropower, arable land

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

49 million (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth Rate

0.78% (2017 est.)

Ethnic Groups

composite of Mediterranean and Nordic types

Language

Castilian Spanish (official nationwide) 74%, Catalan 17%, Galician 7%, Basque 2%, Aranese along with Catalan <5,000 speakers)

Religion

Roman Catholic 67.8%, atheist 9.1%, other 2.2%, non-believer 18.4%, unspecified 2.5% (2016 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 80.3% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 0.33% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.) (includes Canary Islands, Ceuta, and Melilla)

Literacy

98.3% (2016 est.)

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

rapid growth of this dynamic economy following the death of dictator Francisco Franco helped make it a champion of freedom and human rights; more recently, Spain has emerged from a severe recession during 2008-2013, posting three straight years of GDP growth above the EU average

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$1.769 trillion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$38,200 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$301.5 billion (2017 est.)

partners: France 15.1%, Germany 11.3%, Italy 7.8%, Portugal 7.1%, UK 6.9%, US 4.4% (2017)

Imports

\$333.4 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Germany 14.2%, France 11.9%, China 6.9%, Italy 6.8%, Netherlands 5.1%, UK 4% (2017)

